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ABSTRACT

These three brochures outline entry requirements and certification information for: (1) emergency medical technician (EMT)-ambulance and EMT-non-ambulance; (2) EMT-intermediate; and (3) EMT-paramedic. Each brochure provides information on entry requirements, including provisional registration and expiration date; lapsed registration; examination process; revocation of certification; inactive status; and continuing education requirements for re-registration. A chart illustrates all of the continuing education requirements for re-registration. (YLB)

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Registered EMT-Paramedic

FOREWORD

During the mid-1970s, the National Registry monitored the development of the first National Standard EMT-Paramedic Curriculum. As the curriculum and subsequent interest in this advanced level of training developed, the Board of Directors of the National Registry requested the establishment of a National certification for EMT-Paramedics. The Registry contracted with the University of Kansas Medical Center, Emergency Medical Training Program, to develop appropriate written and practical examinations, based on the National Curriculum. The examinations were pilot-tested in Denver, Kansas City, and Chicago prior to their distribution. On February 21, 1978, the first NREMT-Paramedic examination was administered in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The National Registry EMT-Paramedic written examination is drafted by a committee of EMS experts in education, medicine and field practice. The draft examination is reviewed by an item-rating committee, and extensively field-tested. Prior to implementation, the examination is reviewed by a committee of educational measurement experts and subjected to a education measurement formula which establishes passing scores for all subtests. This process leads to a fully standardized, statistically valid and reliable testing instrument. The practical examination skill measurement instruments are field-tested and reviewed by multidisciplinary EMS experts prior to use in the examination process.

From the beginning, the impact of the Registry's EMT-Paramedic examination designated the importance of training programs which recognize and implement the depth and breadth of instruction in all phases of pre-hospital emergency medicine. The registration and examination processes act as viable instruments, measuring the skills and competencies necessary to deliver quality Advanced Life Support Care.

The National Registry is a not-for-profit, independent, non-governmental agency. Its free-standing structure is carefully guarded in order that the integrity of the National Board Certification process is preserved.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All individuals applying for EMT-Paramedic certification must meet the following entry requirements to be eligible for the National Registry EMT—Paramedic written and practical examinations.

1. Applicant must be 18 years or older.
2. Current National Registry or state certification at the Basic EMT-Ambulance level.
3. Successful completion of a state approved EMT-Paramedic training program, within the last two years, that equals or exceeds the behavioral objectives of the National Standard EMT-Paramedic Curriculum as developed and promulgated by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

   If the candidate's initial paramedic training is beyond two years and the candidate has maintained state certification at the Paramedic level, only 48 hours of state-approved paramedic refresher training will be necessary. (Refer to the Note on page 9).

   If the initial training is beyond two years and state certification has not been maintained, the candidate must complete the entire paramedic training program prior to application.
4. In states not mandating National Registry EMT-Paramedic certification, candidates must include documentation (card or certificate) showing current state certification at the paramedic level.
5. Six months field experience and currently functioning as an EMT-Paramedic on an Advanced Life Support Unit, in a mobile pre-hospital ambulance setting.

   Note: Individuals completing an EMT-Paramedic training program who will be entering EMT-Paramedic service, but do not have the required six months experience, will be permitted to apply and take the written and practical examinations. Successful completion of the National Registry examinations will provide provisional registration. Full EMT-Paramedic registration will be awarded upon written verification of the required six months experience from the Medical Director, employer or supervisor.
6. Submission of a completed application and fee attesting to the above requirements; the official application must be signed by the Medical Director of Training/Operations, attesting to the candidate's character, training, and functional ability as an EMT-Paramedic. Applications submitted for each re-examination must also be completed and signed by the Medical Director of Training/Operations.
7. A registration fee of $35.00 (money order only), payable to The National Registry of Emergency

Medical Technicians, must be submitted with the application. This fee covers the cost of all printed material, examination, postage, data processing, reporting of examination results and administration. Failure of the written examination requires the candidate to submit another complete application and fee. Retesting of the practical examination does not require an additional application or fee.

The fee will be refunded if the application is not acceptable. The fee will not be refunded if the application is accepted and entered into data processing.

Provisional Registration

Policy and procedure for provisional registrants is as follows:

1. The provisional registrant must complete at least six (6) months EMT-Paramedic experience with a fully equipped emergency ALS ambulance/rescue service by the established expiration date. Written verification of the required experience must be submitted to the National Registry by the Medical Director, supervisor, or employer of EMT-Paramedic operations to obtain full registration.
2. The provisional registrant must also complete current continuing education requirements prior to the biennial expiration date.
3. Provisional registrants not meeting both the continuing education and experience requirements by the expiration date will not be eligible for full registration and/or reregistration.

Expiration Date

Initial expiration dates are established in reference to the date of successful completion of the examination. Individuals initially registered during the first six months of the year will revert to the beginning of that year for an anniversary date. Those initially registered during the last six months of the year will begin their biennium the first day of the following year. All subsequent registration periods will be for the full two-year period.

For example:

Individuals successfully completing the examination between the dates of January 1, 1989 and June 30, 1989 will receive an expiration date of December 31, 1990.

Individuals successfully completing the examination between the dates of July 1, 1989 and December 31, 1989 will receive an expiration date of December 31, 1991.

LAPSED REGISTRATION

To be reinstated once EMT-Paramedic National Registration has lapsed, the candidate must:

If lapsed **within a two-year period,** successfully complete 48 hours of state-approved refresher training, adhering to the current National Standard EMT-Paramedic Curriculum; submit a new application and fee; and successfully complete the National Registry written and practical examinations.

If lapsed **beyond a two-year period** and still currently state-certified at the EMT-Paramedic level, successfully complete 48 hours of state-approved refresher training, adhering to the current National Standard EMT-Paramedic Curriculum; submit a new application and fee; and successfully complete the National Registry written and practical examinations.

If lapsed **beyond a two-year period** and state certification at the EMT-Paramedic level has not been maintained, successfully complete a state-approved National Standard Paramedic Training Course; submit a new application and fee; and successfully complete the National Registry written and practical examinations.

Note: Refer to Note on page 9 for detail of refresher requirement.

EXAMINATION PROCESS

A National Registry Representative is present at all National Registry EMT-Paramedic written and practical examinations. In addition to meeting current entry requirements and submitting an acceptable application, you will be required to present a photo identification at the examination site prior to sitting for the written and/or practical examination. Please contact the Registry office for information relative to an examination in your area.

The Written Examination

The written examination consists of 150 multiple choice questions contained in six major parts. Each part includes questions from a division or major section of the EMT-Paramedic curriculum with minimum passing scores for each part. A passing score requires that the candidate obtain a minimum score on each part and an overall average score. The results received by the candidate after completion of the examination will indicate the required minimum score for each part and the passing or failing score for the particular examination taken by the candidate. Failure to obtain the overall passing score and/or failure of any part will constitute complete

failure of the written examination. Candidates failing the written examination may reapply by submitting another completed application and fee for re-examination.

The Practical Examination

The practical section of the examination process consists of the following EMT-Paramedic skills tested in five separate stations. The emphasis is placed on skill proficiency, rather than station proficiency and the skill stations are in accordance with the National Standard EMT-Paramedic Curriculum and current A.H.A. standards. The process is a test of the candidate's "hands-on" skill and knowledge, not a learning or teaching situation.

The candidate must demonstrate an acceptable level of competency in each of the following skill areas:

1. **Trauma Assessment/Management**
   Candidates will be required to perform a "hands-on," head-to-toe, physical assessment and voice management of a trauma patient for a given scenario. This station includes:
   1) Primary Survey, Resuscitation, Secondary Survey, and Definitive Prehospital Care
2. **Static Cardiology/Medical Emergencies**
   This oral station includes:
   1) ECG interpretation and treatment
   2) Medical emergency questions
3. **Cardiac Arrest Skills**
   Candidates will be required to perform the following skills:
   1) Intravenous therapy
   2. IV medications (mannequin)
   3) Defibrillation (dynamic station including candidate's ability to integrate BLS, definitive therapy, ECG interpretation and use of defibrillator)
   4) Endotracheal intubation (mannequin)
4. **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation**
   Candidates will be required to perform the following skills as per American Heart Association standards:
   1) One & Two Person CPR
   2) Obstructed Airway techniques
   3) Infant Resuscitation
5. **Fracture Immobilization**
   Candidates will be required to perform the following skills:
   1) "C" Collar and Short Spine Board
   2) Traction Splint Application
   3) Pneumatic Anti-Shock Garment (MAST)

Grading of the practical examination is on a Pass/Fail basis. Failure of **four (4) or less skills** (when taking the entire practical) entitles the candidate to **retest** the skill(s) failed. Failure of **five (5) or more skills** constitutes **failure**

of the practical examination. **Failure of a retest** constitutes a **failure** of the practical examination. The candidate is then required to re-examine the entire practical examination.

In the Trauma Assessment/Management Station, primary survey, resuscitation, secondary survey and definitive prehospital care represent one skill. Failure of any of these sections will require the candidate to complete the entire Trauma Assessment/Management Station.

The passed portion of the examination, either the written or practical, will remain valid for a 12 month period from the date of the examination. Candidates not completing the failed portion of the examination within the 12 month period will be required to reapply and retake both the written and entire practical examinations.

Candidates are allowed three opportunities to pass the written and/or practical examinations. Candidates applying for the fourth time must submit a written statement from their Medical Director verifying that they have successfully completed the 48 hours of state-approved Paramedic refresher training, covering the behavioral objectives of the National Standard Paramedic Curriculum (refer to the note on page 9) or that the candidate has successfully completed another EMT-Paramedic training program.

INACTIVE STATUS

An inactive status has been designated for Nationally Registered EMT-Paramedics who are not actively engaged in EMT-Paramedic service at the time of reregistration. The inactive status was designed for those Paramedics who must be inactive for a period of time due to moving, illness, pursuit of education, family responsibilities, etc. The period of inactive status is limited to two years, or what would normally be one registration period. Inactive status will be awarded only to those Paramedics who have fulfilled all of the reregistration requirements. It should be noted that provisionally registered Paramedics are not eligible for the inactive status.

A return to active status at the EMT-Paramedic level must be verified in writing by the Medical Director, employer or supervisor of operations and must include a statement attesting to the registrant's competency in all skill levels.

REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATES

Information relative to Disciplinary Procedures and Right of Appeals may be obtained by contacting the National Registry.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR REREGISTRATION

Reregistration is on a biennial basis (once every two years) upon completion and verification of the required continuing education and submission of the reregistration form and fee. All EMT-Paramedics reregistering will have to meet the full requirements currently in effect.

Requirements for Reregistration

To renew registration, the registrant must:

1. Complete the official National Registry reregistration and continuing education report form and return with the proper documentation and fee to the Registry office.
2. Be currently active on a fully equipped ALS ambulance/ rescue service, performing Advanced Life Support skills as an EMT-Paramedic.
3. Complete all the continuing education requirements in Section IA, IB, IC, II, & III prior to the December 31 expiration date.

   Note: Section IA, refresher training, may be a formal 48-hour program approved by the State EMS office. In areas lacking a formal state-approved 48-hour refresher, the registrant may complete 48 hours of training that represent an overview of the 15 module EMT-Paramedic National Standard Curriculum. No specific number of hours are required for each module, however all modules must be reviewed at some point during the two year registration period. This training must be documented as to topics, dates and number of hours attended. The American Heart Association's ACLS course may be utilized for 16 hours under this section.

Reregistration report forms are mailed the first of November prior to the expiration date. Reregistration forms must be submitted to the Registry office no later than March 31 of the following year.

EMT-Paramedic Reregistration Requirements

Activity	Standard	Verification
Section I A. 48 hours of refresher training, adhering to and including the content of the 15 modules of the National Standard EMT-Paramedic Curriculum (D.O.T.)	May be conducted by the Medical Director or the departmental training officer. May be completed, as in-service training through the resource hospital, or a recognized teaching institution. A maximum of 16 hours for the ACLS course is applicable toward this section within the appropriate modules.	Statement outlining date, time and topical content on official letterhead signed by supervisor, training officer or Medical Director.
B. Annual CPR certification — "Basic Life Support"	Regardless of teaching agency, all CPR training must adhere to A.H.A. standards. One year of CPR requirement will be met if CPR training is included in the 48 hrs. of refresher training (Sec. 1A). An additional CPR course must be successfully completed in the alternate year.	Copy of card or certificate
C-1. Biennial certification — "Advanced Cardiac Life Support",	Biennial ACLS certification by the A.H.A., including written and practical examinations. Only the ACLS Provider Course Core curriculum should be utilized. If a formal course is not available, the Medical Director must affirm that the ACLS knowledge and skills have been examined and demonstrated by the registrant.	Copy of card or certificate Statement of verification on official letterhead from Medical Director, outlining date, time and content.
Section II Additional Required Continuing Education: Participation by the EMT-Paramedic in 24 hours of additional continuing education.	In addition to the topics listed below, any subject covered in the National Standard Paramedic Curriculum will be accepted. These topics may be presented utilizing critiques, didactic sessions, practical drills, workshops or seminars, or other approved in-service training. **TOPICS:** air ambulance emergency care; child abuse; industrial accidents; explosion injuries; battered wives; crime scene response; athletic injuries; hazardous materials; crisis intervention; protective breathing apparatus; farm machinery extrication; radioactive materials; special rescue (diving, aerial, mountain)	Certificates where applicable. In remaining cases, submit statement of verification on official letterhead from the supervisor, training officer, etc. (All verification must include the dates, topical content, and number of clock hours.)
Successful completion of any of the following National Standard courses, with specified number of hours, may be applied toward Section II.	PHTLS 16 hours; BTLS 16 hours; Auto Extrication 16 hours; Emergency Driving 12 hours; Dispatcher Training 12 hours	Card/certificate or statement outlining date, time and topical content on official letterhead signed by supervisor, training officer or Medical Director.
Section III EMT-Paramedic skill maintenance	Statement of satisfaction by Physician Director of EMT-Paramedic training/operations that reregistrant continues to remain competent in all of the following skills: 1. History taking 2. Trauma Assessment/Management 3. CPR — One and Two Rescuer 4. Infant Resuscitation; Rx of airway obstruction 5. Esophageal obturator placement and/or endotracheal intubation 6. Bag-valve mask and bag-valve-tube ventilation 7. Interpretation of oscilloscopic and hard-copy electrocardiograms, including monitored arrest and defibrillation techniques 8. Spinal immobilization — including application of cervical collar, short and long boards 9. Fracture immobilization — including traction splint 10. Voice and ECG telemetry communications procedures, including actions during communications failure 11. Intravenous therapy 12. Parenteral drug administration 13. Application and removal of pneumatic anti-shock trousers 14. O.B. delivery procedures	Signature of Physician Director of EMT-Paramedic training/operations. Must include type of evaluation mechanism (field evaluation, practical performance or other). Note: Verification must be on form provided by National Registry in reregistration packet.

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FOREWORD

Emergency ambulance service is a vital part of the emergency medical care system and should be considered a professional service with due recognition and status similar to that of other allied health professions.

Prior to 1970 there were a number of organizations whose membership consisted of individuals engaged in ambulance service, however, there was no national certifying agency which could attest to the proficiency of ambulance personnel. Individuals engaged in other allied health activities such as X-Ray and laboratory technicians, physical, occupational and inhalation therapists, had been certified or registered for years by their respective national organizations, thereby attesting to their competency through uniform training and qualification examinations.

In 1969, President Lyndon Johnson's Committee on Highway Safety recommended establishment of a national certification agency for EMS. Realizing such an organization was essential for improved ambulance services, the Commission on EMS of the American Medical Association appointed a Task Force to study the feasibility of a Registry for EMTs.

The Task Force initially met on January 21, 1970 and included representatives from the various organizations involved in America's ambulance service. The participants at this meeting indicated the industry's concern for proper recognition, professional status and uniform standards for personnel and training. They recognized that improved care of the victims of medical emergencies depended on these key issues being addressed in an effective manner.

On June 4, 1970 at the A.M.A. headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians was born. It was on that date that the Task Force dissolved into the first meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Registry. Officers were elected, the Constitution and Bylaws were drawn and the Examination Committee was appointed.

Initial operational funds were provided in the form of loans from the Ambulance Association of America, the American Medical Association and the Employers Insurance of Wausau.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two classifications of national board certification have been established for the Basic Emergency Medical Technician:

EMT-Ambulance EMT-Non-Ambulance

Individuals applying for Basic EMT certification must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the National Registry Basic EMT written and practical examinations.

1. Each applicant must be 18 years of age or older.
2. Successfully complete, within the last two years, a state-approved National Standard Basic EMT training program, as developed and promulgated by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

   If the candidate's initial training is beyond two (2) years and the candidate has maintained state certification, the candidate must complete a current state approved Basic EMT refresher training program.

   If the candidate's initial training is beyond two (2) years and state certification has not been maintained, the candidate must complete the entire Basic EMT training program.
3. In states not mandating National Registry Basic EMT certification, candidates must include documentation (card or certificate) showing current state certification at the Basic EMT level.
4. All candidates are required to successfully complete all sections of a state-approved Basic EMT practical examination that equals or exceeds the established criteria of the National Registry.
5. Six (6) months experience completed within twelve (12) months prior to the date of application. This experience may be in either of the following classifications.

   EMT-Ambulance

   Persons eligible include emergency ambulance, rescue, military field service and military independent duty personnel.

   EMT-Non-Ambulance

   Persons eligible include patient/health care personnel, i.e. R.N., L.P.N., surgical technician, lab technician, X-Ray technician, orderly, law enforcement, industrial safety and military corpsman without field service.

   Note: Individuals that do not have the required six months experience may apply for Provisional Registration.
6. Submission of an acceptable application and fee attesting to the above requirements.
7. A registration fee of $15.00 (money order only), payable to The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, must be submitted with the application. This fee covers the cost of all printed material, examination, postage, data processing, reporting of examination results and administration.

   The fee will be refunded if an application is not acceptable. The fee will not be refunded if the application is accepted and entered into data processing.

Provisional Registration

Provisional registration applies to both classifications of National Registry certification. Provisional registration was established for those individuals who do not have the required six (6) months experience at the time of application. Policy and procedure for provisional registration is as follows:

1. The provisional registrant must complete at least six (6) months experience in either the emergency ambulance/rescue or the patient/health care field on or before their expiration date.

2. The provisional registrant must complete the current continuing education requirements for reregistration on or before their expiration date.
3. Provisional registrants not meeting both the experience and the continuing education requirements by their expiration date will not be eligible for full registration and/or reregistration.

Expiration Date

Initial expiration dates are established in reference to the date of successful completion of the examination. Individuals initially registered during the first six months of the year will revert to the beginning of that year for an anniversary date. Those initially registered during the last six months of the year will begin their biennium the first day of the following year. All subsequent registration periods will be for the full two-year period.

For example:

Individuals successfully completing the examination between the dates of January 1, 1987 and June 30, 1987 will receive an expiration date of December 31, 1988.

Individuals successfully completing the examination between the dates of July 1, 1987 and December 31, 1987 will receive an expiration date of December 31, 1989.

LAPSED REGISTRATION

To be reinstated once Basic EMT National Registration has lapsed, the candidate must:

If lapsed **within a two-year period**, successfully complete a state-approved National Standard Basic EMT Refresher Training Course; submit a new application and fee; and successfully complete the National Registry written examination and a state-approved practical examination that meets or exceeds the National Registry guidelines.

If lapsed **beyond a two-year period,** and still currently state certified at the Basic EMT level, successfully complete a state-approved National Standard Basic EMT Refresher Training Course; submit a new application and fee; and successfully complete the National Registry written examination and a state-approved practical examination that meets or exceeds the National Registry guidelines.

If lapsed **beyond a two-year period,** and state certification at the Basic EMT level has also lapsed, successfully complete another state-approved National Standard Basic EMT Training Course; submit a new application and fee; and successfully complete the National Registry written examination and a state-approved practical examination that meets or exceeds the National Registry guidelines.

EXAMINATION PROCESS

The Practical Examination

The practical examination requires the candidate to physically apply the necessary skills of the Basic EMT and to answer questions relative to the prescribed practical skills. All candidates are required to successfully complete, within a 12-month period prior to the submission of an acceptable application, all sections of a state-approved Basic EMT practical examination that equals or exceeds the established criteria of the National Registry.

Candidates must demonstrate an acceptable level of competency in each of the following skill areas:

1. Patient Assessment
2. Cervical/Spinal Injuries—care and immobilization
3. Long Bone Fractures—care and immobilization including traction splinting
4. Wound Care and Bandaging
5. Shock—recognition and care
6. Pneumatic Counter Pressure Device (MAST)
7. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation—Candidate will be required to perform the following skills to American Heart Association standards:
   1) One and Two-Rescuer CPR
   2) Infant CPR
   3) Obstructed Airway
8. General Knowledge

Verification of successful completion and measured competency in each of the required skill areas, must be completed on the reverse side of the Registry application.

The National Registry reserves the right to review any practical examinations that may be in question.

The Written Examination

The written examination, consisting of 150 multiple-choice questions, is based on the National Standard Basic EMT Curriculum as developed and promulgated by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The subtests are as follows:

1. Patient Handling—Transportation
2. Anatomy/Physiology—Patient Assessment
3. Breathing—Resuscitation—Cardiac Arrest—CPR
4. Medical Emergencies
5. Environmental Emergencies
6. Soft Tissue Injuries—Bleeding—Shock—Pneumatic Counter Pressure Device (MAST)
7. Fractures and Dislocations
8. Obstetrics
9. Injuries—Head-Face-Neck-Spine-Chest-Abdomen-Genitalia
10. Psychological Aspects

Each candidate must realize an overall minimum score of 70% to pass the examination. Individuals failing the written examination may reapply for subsequent examination by submitting another application and fee and meeting the current entry requirements. If a candidate fails the written examination, the practical examination remains valid for a 12-month period from the date it was successfully completed. Candidates are allowed three opportunities to complete the written examination. Candidates applying for the fourth time must submit, as a minimum, written verification (card or certificate) of successful completion of a state-approved National Standard Basic EMT Refresher Course. This refresher course must be completed within two years of reapplication.

Oral Examinations

The National Registry will allow its Basic EMT written examination to be presented orally under the following specific guidelines. This procedure is to be utilized only at the Basic EMT level.

a. Oral examinations will be permitted only with the approval of the State EMS office.
b. Requests to the National Registry for oral examinations must be made in advance of the scheduled examination date.

c. Requests to the National Registry for oral examinations must include a statement signed by the Medical Director of Service/Training that there is an assurance of an acceptable level of visual acuity necessary to perform the tasks of the EMT, including verification of skill competency, despite the reading problem.
d. Oral examinations will not be permitted if the candidate has failed in an initial attempt to write the examination.
e. Candidates must mark their selected answers on the standard Registry answer sheet.
f. An appropriate verification form, developed and provided by the Registry, must be completed and signed by both the candidate and proctor attesting to the credibility of the oral examination experience.

REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATION

Information relative to Disciplinary Procedures and Right of Appeals may be obtained by contacting the National Registry.

INACTIVE STATUS

An inactive status has been designated for Nationally Registered EMTs, who are not actively engaged in ambulance service/rescue service or patient/health care activity at the time of reregistration. Inactive status is designed for those who must be inactive for a period of time due to moving, illness, pursuit of education, family responsibilities, etc.

The period of inactive status will be limited to two years, or what would normally be one reregistration period. Inactive status will be awarded only to those who have fulfilled all of the continuing education requirements. At the end of or prior to the end of the inactive period, the registrant may request a return to Basic EMT active status by way of official written verification from their employer or supervisor. It should be noted that provisionally registered EMTs are not eligible for the inactive status.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR REREGISTRATION

Reregistration is on a biennial basis (once every two years) upon completion and verification of the required continuing education and submission of the reregistration form and fee. All Basic EMTs reregistering will have to meet the full requirements currently in effect.

Requirements for Reregistration

To renew registration, applicant must:

1. Be actively working within the emergency ambulance service, rescue service or patient/health care activity.
2. Complete all continuing education requirements in Sections IA, IB and II prior to the December 31 expiration date.
3. Complete reregistration continuing education report form and return with the required documentation and reregistration fee to the National Registry office.

Reregistration report forms are mailed the first of November prior to the expiration date. Reregistration forms must be submitted to the Registry office no later than March 31 of the following year.

Reregistration Requirements

Activity	Standard	Verification
SECTION I A. National Standard Basic EMT Refresher Course	State-approved National Standard Basic EMT Refresher course with successful completion of local written and practical examinations. In states utilizing re-examination in lieu of refresher training, official state verification of passing the examination must be submitted.	Copy of card or certificate, indicating successful completion, issued by the recognized teaching agency.
B. Annual C.P.R. Certification (Regardless of teaching agency all CPR training must adhere to A.H.A. Standards)	Annual CPR certification by the American Heart Assn., the American National Red Cross, or the State EMS Office. Completion of the National Standard Refresher Course fulfills the CPR certification for one year. Verification of successful completion of an additional CPR course, on the alternate year, must be submitted.	Copy of card or certificate indicating successful completion, issued by the recognized teaching agency.
SECTION II Additional 48 Hours Of Continuing Education	In addition to the topics listed below, any subject covered in the National Standard EMT Course will be accepted for continuing education credit. These topics may be presented utilizing critiques, didactic sessions, practical drills, workshops or siminars, or other approved inservice training. Those topics not specified below or within the EMT curriculum will require prior approval from the National Registry. **TOPICS:** pneumatic trousers; shock management; communications; hypothermia & other environmental injuries; air ambulance; emergency care; child abuse; rape intervention; industrial accidents; explosion injuries; electrical hazards; neonatal care/SIDS; battered wives; crime scene response; athletic injuries; rappelling; hazardous materials; crisis intervention; protective breathing apparatus; farm machinery extrication; medical terminology; radioactive materials; medico-legal aspects; special rescue (diving, aerial, mountain)	Certificates where applicable. In remaining cases, statement outlining dates, times and topical content on official letterhead signed by supervisor, training officer, etc. Information on credit available for EMT Instructors may be obtained by writing to the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.
Successful completion of any of the following National Standard courses, with specified number of hours, may be applied toward Section II.	PHTLS ..... 16 Hours BTLS ..... 16 Hours Auto Extrication ..... 16 Hours Emergency Driving ..... 12 Hours Dispatcher Training ..... 12 Hours	Copy of card or certificate issued by recognized agency.
Successful completion of a select group of modules as listed in the next column, and as outlined in the National Standard EMT-P Curriculum and EMT-P Course Coordinator's Guide, will fulfill the requirements of Section II. This training must be State approved.	EMT-Intermediate ..... (Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) EMT-Paramedic ..... (Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)	Copy of card or certificate issued by recognized agency.
Successful completion of the National Standard Paramedic Program will fulfill all continuing education requirements for Basic EMT reregistration. The National Registry does suggest that EMTs who have attained EMT-Paramedic status apply for National Registration as EMT-Paramedics. EMT-Paramedic registration will supersede the Basic EMT registration. Note: If you have a previous Basic EMT reregistration, claiming your EMT-P training course for credit, you may again fulfill the requirements for Basic EMT reregistration by providing verification of: 1. Your continued involvement as an EMT-P; 2. Current State EMT-P certification, and fulfillment of local or state continuing education requirements for EMT-P.		Copy of card or certificate issued by recognized agency.

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FOREWORD

In 1979, responding to direction from the Board of Directors and requests from the field, the National Registry surveyed the State EMS lead agencies in reference to establishing an intermediate level of certification. The majority of the states responding favored IV/EOA certification. Accordingly, in early 1980, the Registry pilot-tested the first version of the EMT-Intermediate examination in Louisiana and Vermont. Following pilot-testing and analysis, the first National EMT-Intermediate Board Certification examination was held in the summer of 1980. In 1982, the EMT-Intermediate certification level was re-evaluated and a free-standing examination encompassing a reassessment of the EMT-Basic knowledge and skills and the required EMT-Intermediate knowledge and skills was developed.

From the beginning, the impact of the Registry's EMT-Intermediate examination designated the importance of training programs which recognize and implement the depth and breadth of instruction in pre-hospital emergency medical care. The registration and examination processes act as viable instruments, measuring the skills and competencies necessary to deliver quality Advanced Life Support care.

The National Registry is a not-for-profit, independent, non-governmental agency. Its free-standing structure is carefully guarded in order that the integrity of the National Board Certification process is preserved.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Individuals applying for EMT-Intermediate certification must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the National Registry EMT-Intermediate written and practical examinations.

1. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older.
2. Current National Registry or state certification at the Basic EMT level.
3. Successful completion of a state-approved EMT-Intermediate training program that equals or exceeds the behavioral objectives of the EMT-Intermediate National Standard Curriculum as promulgated by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Candidates in EMT-Paramedic training are eligible to take the Intermediate examination provided they supply a written report from their educational institution in which the medical director verifies they have completed Divisions I and II of the EMT-Paramedic Curriculum.

   If the candidate's initial Intermediate training is beyond two years and the candidate has maintained state certification at the Basic EMT and EMT-Intermediate levels, the candidate must complete current Basic EMT and EMT-Intermediate refresher training programs.

   If the initial training is beyond two years and only Basic EMT state certification has been maintained, the candidate must complete a Basic EMT refresher training course and the entire EMT-Intermediate training program.

   If the initial training is beyond two years and state certification at the Basic EMT and EMT-Intermediate levels has not been maintained, the candidate must complete the entire Basic EMT and EMT-Intermediate training programs prior to application.
4. In states not mandating National Registry EMT-Intermediate certification and having a state EMT-Intermediate certification examination, candidates must include documentation (card or certificate) showing current state certification at the Intermediate level.
5. Six months field experience and currently functioning as an EMT-Intermediate in the ambulance/rescue service or patient/health care setting, that has local/state authority to administer intravenous fluids. Certification will be awarded in either of the following categories:

   EMT-Intermediate-Ambulance: emergency ambulance, rescue, military field service, or military independent duty personnel.

   EMT-Intermediate-Non-Ambulance: patient health care personnel including, R.N., L.P.N., surgical technician, lab technician, X-ray technician, orderly, law enforcement, industrial safety, or military personnel without field experience.

Note: Individuals completing an EMT-Intermediate training program who will be entering EMT-Intermediate service, but do not have the required six months experience, will be permitted to apply and take the written and practical examinations. Successful completion of the Registry exam will provide provisional registration. Full EMT-Intermediate registration will be awarded upon written verification of the required six months experience from the Medical Director, employer or supervisor.

6. Submission of a completed application attesting to the above requirements; the official application must be signed by the Medical Director of Training/Operations, attesting to the candidate's character, training, and functional ability as an EMT-Intermediate. Applications submitted for each re-examination must also be completed and signed by the Medical Director of Training/Operations.

7. A registration fee of $35.00 (money order only), payable to The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, must be submitted with the application. This fee covers the cost of all printed material, examination, postage, data processing, reporting of examination results and administration.

   The fee will be refunded if the application is not acceptable. The fee will not be refunded if the application is accepted and entered into data processing.

Provisional Registration

Policy and procedure for provisional registrants is as follows:

1. The provisional registrant must complete at least six (6) months EMT-Intermediate experience in either the emergency ambulance/rescue or the patient/health care setting, that has local/state authority to administer intravenous fluids. Written verification of the required experience must be submitted to the National Registry by the Medical Director, supervisor, or employer of EMT-Intermediate operations. This experience must be completed prior to the designated expiration date.

2. The provisional registrant must also complete the current continuing education requirements prior to the biennial expiration date.

Expiration Date

Initial expiration dates are established in reference to the date of successful completion of the examination. Individuals initially registered during the first six months of the year will revert to the beginning of that year for an anniversary date. Those initially registered during the last six months of the year will begin their biennium the first day of the following year. All subsequent registration periods will be for the full two-year period.

For example:

Individuals successfully completing the examination between the dates of January 1, 1988 and June 30, 1988 will receive an expiration date of December 31, 1989.

Individuals successfully completing the examination between the dates of July 1, 1988 and December 31, 1988 will receive an expiration date of December 31, 1990.

LAPSED REGISTRATION

To be reinstated once EMT-Intermediate Registration has lapsed, the candidate must:
If lapsed **within a two-year period**, successfully complete a state-approved National Standard Basic EMT Refresher Training Course and state-approved 12 hours of Intermediate refresher training, adhering to the current National Standard EMT-Intermediate Curriculum; submit a new application and fee; and successfully complete the National Registry written and practical examinations.

If lapsed **beyond a two-year period**, and still currently state certified at the EMT-Intermediate level, successfully complete a state-approved National Standard Basic EMT Refresher Training Course and state-approved 12 hours of Intermediate refresher training, adhering to the current National Standard EMT-Intermediate Curriculum; submit a new application and fee; and successfully complete the National Registry written and practical examinations.

If lapsed **beyond a two-year period,** and state certification at the EMT-Intermediate level has not been maintained but current state and/or National Basic EMT certification has been maintained, successfully complete a state-approved National Standard Basic Refresher Course, and state-approved National EMT-Intermediate Training Course; submit a new application and fee; and successfully complete the National Registry written and practical examinations.

If lapsed **beyond a two year period** and state certification at the Basic EMT and EMT-Intermediate levels has not been maintained, successfully complete a state-approved National Standard Intermediate Training Course, as well as a state-approved National Standard Basic EMT Training Course; submit a new application and fee; and successfully complete the National Registry written and practical examinations.

EXAMINATION PROCESS

A National Registry Representative is present at all National Registry EMT-Intermediate written and practical examinations. Please contact the Registry office for information relative to an examination in your area.

The Written Examination

The written examination consists of two parts: Part I is a reassessment of the Basic EMT skills and knowledge consisting of 70 multiple-choice questions covering the material presented in the National Standard EMT Basic training program and Part II is a measure of the required Intermediate

knowledge consisting of 80 multiple-choice questions derived from the objectives of the National Standard EMT-Intermediate Curriculum. The parts and subtests are as follows:

Part I-EMT Basic Reassessment

Breathing-Resuscitation-CPR
Wounds-Bleeding-Shock
Injuries to the Head-Face-Neck-Spine
Chest-Abdomen-Genitalia.
Medical Emergencies
Environmental Emergencies-Burns-Hazardous Materials
Fractures and Dislocations
Emergency Childbirth
Psychological Aspects
Patient Handling and Transporation

Part II - EMT Intermediate
Roles and Responsibilities
EMS Systems
Medical Legal Considerations
Medical Terminology
EMS Communications
General Patient Assessment and Initial Management
Airway Management and Ventilation
Assessment and Management of Shock

Each candidate must realize an overall score of at least 70% on each part in order to pass the written examination. Failure of either part will constitute complete failure of the entire written exam. Candidates failing the written examination may reapply by submitting another application and fee for re-examination.

The Practical Examination

The practical section of the examination process consists of the following EMT-Intermediate skills and is tested in four separate stations. The emphasis is placed on skill proficiency, rather than station proficiency and the skill stations are in accordance with the National Standard Basic Curriculum, the behavioral objectives of the National Standard EMT-Intermediate Curriculum and current A.H.A. standards. The process is a test of the candidate's "hands-on" skill and knowledge, not a learning or teaching situation.

The candidate must demonstrate an acceptable level of competency in each of the following skill areas:

1. **Trauma Assessment/Management**
   Candidates will be required to perform a "hands-on," head-to-toe, physical assessment and voice management of a trauma patient for a given scenario. This station includes:
   1) Primary Survey, Resuscitation, Secondary Survey, and Definitive Prehospital Care

2. **Esophageal Obturator/Intravenous Therapy**
   This station includes:
   1) Placement of the EOA
   2) Intravenous Therapy
3. **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation**
   Candidates will be required to perform the following skills as per American Heart Association standards:
   1) One & Two Person CPR
   2) Obstructed Airway techniques
   3) Infant Resuscitation
4. **Fracture Immobilization**
   Candidates will be required to perform the following skills:
   1) "C" Collar and Short Spine Board
   2) Traction Splint Application
   3) Pneumatic Anti-Shock Garment (MAST)

Grading of the practical examination is on a Pass/Fail basis. Failure of **three (3) or less skills** (when taking the entire practical) entitles the candidate to **retest** the skill(s) failed. Failure of **four (4) or more skills** constitutes **failure** of the practical examination. **Failure of a retest** constitutes a **failure** of the practical examination. The candidate is then required to re-examine the entire practical.

In the Trauma Assessment/Management Station, primary survey, resuscitation, secondary survey and definitive prehospital care represent one skill. Failure of any of these sections will require the candidate to complete the entire Trauma Assessment/Management Station.

The passed portion of the examination, either the written or practical, will remain valid for a 12 month period from the date of the examination. Candidates not completing the failed portion of the examination within the 12 month period will be required to reapply and retake both the written and entire practical examinations.

Candidates are allowed three opportunities to pass the written and/or practical examinations. Candidates applying for the fourth time must submit official documentation verifying that they have successfully completed 12 hours of Intermediate refresher training and a state-approved Basic EMT Refresher Training program. This remedial training must be completed after the third unsuccessful attempt of the examination.

INACTIVE STATUS

An inactive status has been designated for Nationally Registered EMT-Intermediates who are not actively engaged in EMT-Intermediate service at the time of reregistration. The inactive status was designed for those Intermediates who must be inactive for a period of time due to moving, illness, pursuit of education, family

responsibilities, etc. The period of inactive status is limited to two years, or what would normally be one registration period. Inactive status will be awarded only to those Intermediates who have fulfilled all of the reregistration requirements. It should be noted that provisionally registered Intermediates are not eligible for the inactive status.

A return to active status at the EMT-Intermediate level must be verified in writing by the Medical Director, employer or supervisor of operations and must include a statement attesting to the registrant's competency in all skill levels. The inactive registrant must complete all of the reregistration requirements during the inactive period.

REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATION

Information relative to Disciplinary Procedures and Right of Appeals may be obtained by contacting the National Registry office.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR REREGISTRATION

Reregistration is awarded on a biennial basis (once every two years) upon completion and verification of the required continuing education and submission of the reregistration form and fee. Provisional registrants must meet all continuing education requirements and gain the required six months experience prior to reregistering.

Requirements for Reregistration

To renew registration, applicant must:

1. Be currently active on an ambulance/rescue service or patient/health care setting, performing Intermediate Skills such as intravenous therapy under medical control.
2. Complete all the continuing education requirements in Section IA, IB, II, & III prior to the December 31 expiration date.
3. Complete reregistration continuing education report form and return with the required documentation and reregistration fee to the National Registry office.

Reregistration report forms are mailed the first of November prior to the expiration date. Reregistration forms must be submitted to the Registry office no later than March 31 of the following year.

EMT-Intermediate Reregistration Requirements

Activity	Standard	Verification
Section I A. Basic EMT Refresher Training	Must be state approved and adhere to the National Standard Basic EMT Refresher Course with successful completion of written and practical examination, or where state approval of refresher training does not exist, an equivalent program must be approved in advance by the National Registry. Refresher course may be given in one block, or in sections over the two year period. The Registry reserves the right to review examinations in instances where the credibility of the exam is questioned.	Copy of card or certificate, indicating successful completion, issued by the recognized teaching agency.
B. Annual CPR certification (Regardless of teaching agency, all CPR training must adhere to A.H.A. standards)	Annual CPR certification by the A.H.A., the American Red Cross, or the State EMS office. Completion of the National Standard Refresher course fulfills the CPR certification for one year. Verification of successful completion of an additional CPR course, on the alternate year, must be submitted.	Copy of card or certificate, indicating successful completion, issued by the recognized teaching agency.
C. 12 hours of refresher training, adhering to the contents of the DOT National Standard EMT-Intermediate Curriculum.	May be conducted by Medical Director or department training officer. May be completed as inservice training, through the resource hospital, or a recognized teaching institution. May be given in one block or in sections over the two year period. Successful completion of Divisions I and II of the DOT Paramedic Curriculum will satisfy the requirement for Section IC.	Statement outlining date, time and topical content on official letterhead signed by supervisor, training officer or Medical Director.
Section II Additional 36 hours of Continuing Education	In addition to the topics listed below, any subject covered in the National Standard Basic EMT, EMT-I and/or EMT-P courses will be accepted. These topics may be presented utilizing critiques, didactic sessions, practical drills, workshops or seminars. **TOPICS:** air ambulance emergency care; industrial accidents; explosion injuries; crime scene response; athletic injuries; hazardous materials; crisis intervention; protective breathing apparatus; farm machinery extrication; radioactive materials; communications; electrical hazards; rappelling; rape intervention; medical terminology; special rescue(diving, aerial, mountain)	Certificates where applicable. In remaining cases, statement outlining dates, times and topical content on official letterhead signed by the training officer, supervisor, etc.
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Section III EMT-Intermediate Skill Maintenance	Statement of satisfaction by Physician Director of EMT-Intermediate training/operations that registrant continues competence in all of the following skills: 1. Primary Survey, Resuscitation, Secondary Survey and Definitive Prehospital Care 2. Esophageal obturator airway insertion 3. Intravenous therapy 4. Pneumatic anti-shock garment (MAST)	Signature of Physician Director of EMT-Intermediate training/operations. Must include type of evaluation mechanism. Verification must be on a form provided by the Registry at the time of reregistration.

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